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- (29) There is now a developing line of case law where custody has been granted to a lesbian mother. See Knott P M. Homosexual parents: custody and access. *Trent law journal* 1983; 7: 55.
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- (34) Compare the recent disclosure of a New South Wales woman who having agreed to act as a surrogate mother for a childless couple, declined to give up the child. See Duboudin T. Surrogate mother will not give up baby. *The Times* 1984 Aug 3.

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# Update

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## Technology Assessment in Health Care

A new quarterly journal, the *International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health Care*, has recently been launched. It has as its specific scope of interest the generation, evaluation, diffusion, and use of health-care technology. It will address the diverse audience of health-care providers within medicine, nursing, and the allied health professions; decision-makers in government, industry, and health-care organisations; and the scholarly disciplines such as ethics, economics, law, history, sociology, psychology and engineering. The journal will fill the needs of those interested in: the complexities of interaction between people and technology; technology as a force in social and organisation change; and technology as it is created, produced, applied and paid for. It will examine descriptively and analytically the effects of technology as perceived from the vantage point of different academic disciplines and policy-making organisations and examine methods necessary to conduct studies and evaluations of technology.

The focus of the journal will be the international health care community.

The use of technology in health care has created some of the major dilemmas

in society today. The cost of new technologies, the allocation of available resources and the ethical questions involved are topics of major concern to medical practitioners, researchers, health administrators, public and private policy-makers and all those working in allied health services. The journal will serve as a forum for the wide range of professionals interested in the assessment of medical technology, its consequences for patients, and its impact on society. If you would like more information about the journal write to: Cambridge University Press, The Edinburgh Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 2RU, England.

## Economics of Medical Technology

A conference on the Economics of Medical Technology will be held from September 2-4, at the congress centre Cocarde, in Valkenburg, the Netherlands.

Conference delegates will include: policymakers in government, in health-care organisations and in industry; health-care professionals and health-services researchers such as economists, epidemiologists, and sociologists.

Papers have been invited from, amongst others: D Banta, Washington DC, USA, J Greep, Maastricht, the Netherlands; B Jennett, Glasgow, UK;

E Jonsson, Huddinge, Sweden; S Reiser, Houston, USA, and M Weinstein, Boston USA.

The active participation fee is Dfl 500.

For more detailed information about the programme and registration, contact: Conference Secretariat, 'Economics of Medical Technology', University of Limburg, PO Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, the Netherlands. Or call: (31) 43-888237

## Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine

The Eighth Congress of the International College of Psychosomatic Medicine will be held from Tuesday, September 3 to Saturday, September 7, 1985 at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Some of the topics to be covered are: neuroimmunomodulation, growth and development through the ages, eating disorders, liaison and consultation, and pain. For further information and registration details contact: Eighth World Congress ICPM, c/o Moorevents Incorporated, Suite 2300, 400 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611; (312) 644-5997. Telex: 4330077TSPN, Attention: Moorevents.

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